

the Tagliatelle

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Special Good Times!

- Alicia Berger

The much-coveted Faculty Follies have come and gone once again! For those of you who experienced it for the first time this year, I hope that you will embrace this deeply scarring yet entertaining experience as a chance to better get to know the more...disturbing aspects of all your professors. For all those unfortunate people who missed it, this bi-annual event is something of a talent show put on by our fabulous professors to entertain, shock and perhaps even psychologically damage the willing student body.

This year's highlights included a rendition of Lady Gaga's *Bad Romance* by the band of Dr. Alex Carpenter, Dr. Bill Hackborn and Dr. Phil Merklinger, the *Slam-Choice*, special good times with Dr. Milton Schlosser and Dr. Paula Marentette and of course the ever



Dr. Carpenter seen here rocking out to some Lady Gaga. Started the song by saying "I wouldn't wear a pink wig and a boa for anyone else."

famous cross-dressing performance of "I Will Survive," the dancers themselves shall remain nameless but I'm sure you've all got some pretty good guesses!

However, there were some more serious issues addressed, in a non-serious way of course. This event has become a way to address problems that both professors and students are experiencing in way that lets students and faculty know that their problems are being heard but still in a way were we can laugh and joke about them. One example is our quiet and peaceful library that is constantly plagued with the lovely and delicate sounds of construction.

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Channeling his rocker days, Dr. Hackborn really knows how to accessorize. Could the feather boa be making a comeback among male professors? I sure hope so!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the faculty and staff involved in putting on the Faculty Follies; we know that it takes an immense amount of preparation and organization on your behalf and that this is kind of performance is over and above expectations as faculty. Please be assured that we enjoy every second of this hard work and would be deeply saddened if this tradition did not continue.



Dr. Rempel is quoted saying that his wife spent weeks teaching him how to move his hips for this.

36.30

Never has one little number caused such an outcry on our campus. \$36.30 is a fee correction for the SU fee that the North Campus Registrar's Office has requested every Augustana student pay. To make matters worse, it was only after students protested and complained were we provided with an explanation that should have been forthcoming to begin with.

According to a reply that the Dag received from Gerry Kendal, Vice Provost and University Registrar, our original SU fee calculated at the beginning of the year is in fact the fee for a part-time student as opposed to a full-time and the money demanded is the correction between those two fees. At the centre of this is a negotiation between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the Augustana Students' Association that concluded summer of 2009. The money that they will receive from the Augustana students is not any attempt to recover part of next year's deficit. However, this got a lot of students thinking - why was our SU fee doubled and we were not even made aware of it until someone made a mistake and this new fee change was brought to light? If the Registrar had not made this

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mistake, was the Augustana Student's Association ever planning to inform us that they had agreed to allow our SU fee to be doubled?

I can assure you that if I had known that this at the beginning of the year, I would not have stood idly by while my Student's Association, which is already taking my money, agreed to have me pay EVEN MORE money besides the non-instructional fee increase. This decision clearly does not represent the opinions of the student body. If our Student's Association is failing to represent not only the students' opinions but what is best for the student body, then I question why I am paying that fee as well?

It would appear that the mass emailing and the outrage was directed at the wrong faction, the U of A Registrar's Office was simply the unfortunate messenger. It is now apparent the people who owe the student body answers is our own student's association.

Letter to the Editor

In reading the February issue of the Daglightale, I was offended by the hypocrisy that littered the few pages offering somewhat valuable material. In Letter FROM the Editor, there was a cunning expose of an incident of sexual harassment occurring at our local Boston Pizza. Clearly offended by the fact that they were "left to deal with the drunk pervert unaided," the letter FROM the editor presents the argument for 'change' in society so that women are not subjected to physical, emotional, and sexual harassment in both the public and private spheres. Though I was a slightly critical of the letter's use of "Canadian human rights" to mean that women are "not a piece of meat that [men] grab and holler at," I was horrified to turn two pages, only to find a distasteful joke which, in my opinion, decries the entire argument made in the aforementioned letter. The joke, if you have not read it, details a conversation between a Greek man and a Scottish man over their contribution to society. Though the Greeks insist they built the Parthenon and advanced mathematics, the 'Scot' insists that the contribution of solstices and calendars were far superior. In the end, the Greek male declares that the Greeks were, "the ones who invented sex!" On the contrary, the Scotsman replies, "it was we Scots who introduced it to the women." Firstly, this 'joke' (if one can even call it that, since it is not funny nor was grammatically correct) is offensive to anyone in the gay and lesbian community; furthermore, it is offensive to women. Apparently, the best contribution to society was the penetration of the female by the male. May I suggest that if the editor insists on publishing a cutting letter FROM the editor advocating for the reduced sexual harassment of women, they not include offensive 'jokes' that perpetuate patriarchy and sexism? In that vein, perhaps I could and would believe their notion that society should, "treat [the editor] and all women with some bloody respect," had they maintained some consistency throughout their publication.

-Kate Whittleton

Dear Reader,

We, the editors, would like to begin our reply by stating that we are ecstatic that at least one person is reading the paper; it really makes all our hard work worthwhile! Next, and more to the point, we would like to begin by addressing a few of the smaller issues of your letter before attacking the larger and more obvious issues.

Firstly, I have to say that I can't remember the last time that I found grammatical correctness to be a contributing factor to something's hilarity. However, I can say that I do often find grammatical correctness to be insulting and would therefore understand your objections if you were coming from that perspective.

Secondly, I would like to say that I do not advocate for the reduction of sexual harassment nor was my letter cutting. I advocate the cessation of sexual harassment altogether, no matter who it is directed at, and I believe that having to even write a letter like this is unfortunate. As for the letter itself, it was simply honest.

And lastly, I am shocked that what you took from that comment was "Canadian human rights" and not the fact that until 1929 Canada didn't even consider you or me to be human beings because we are women. Nonetheless, now we are and what that means is that I have the right to make decisions about my own body, which includes who touches and who most certainly does not. This is why sexual harassment is such an issue! Harassment and violence of any sort is in direct violation of our rights as Canadian citizens.

As for the joke, much of the comedy comes from the interpretation of the joke itself. You should know that before anything is published, particularly the ruder stuff, all goes through many people before making it into your paper. When I read this joke, I thought it referred to bestiality and my co-editor thought masturbation. These are only two of many interpretations including yours. However, in no way was it meant to target, as my co-editor says, any particular groups of people, animals or habits.

As for the perpetuation of patriarchy and sexism, if anything women should be flattered by the conclusion. It's unfortunate that to you sex means simply "the penetration of the female by the male" because it really entails much more. While obviously the Greeks inventing sex is part of the joke given the impossibility of it, someone trying put forward the fact that a physical and emotional connection with women tops even the most amazing discoveries, in my opinion, is not to offend women but praise them.

In conclusion, I'm sorry that the joke offended you - I can assure you that to be offensive to anyone was never our intention. I don't completely see your connection between a joke that you consider to be offensive and someone encroaching on my rights and committing an act that is actually illegal. It's unfortunate if you think that my interpretation of a joke undermines my right to speak out against something that is unlawful. But if that is the case then I can assure that my hypocrisy was not intentional. Nonetheless, no matter what a person's opinions may be, I feel that they should always have the right, and be encouraged, to speak out against an invasion of their rights.

Events and Goings Ons Around Campus

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Augustana's Chaplaincy

God's closed for the summer



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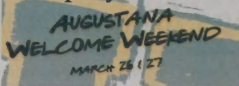
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Bored? Need an excuse to party? Here are two months worth:

March 26th – Welcome Weekend
Hey! It's our job to show these newcomers how to have fun.



March 29th – April 1st – Spring Break
What Spring Break was initially designed for: Forgetting about finals, the last week of classes and essays, and going to Florida to celebrate the fact that it could possibly be spring sometime in the future.

April 1st – April Fools Day
A fantastic opportunity to make a fool of yourself and others! Make sure to be creative.



April 12th – Last Day of classes
No need to start studying yet, we still have a week until exams start!

April 17th – Daffy Duck's birthday
Go ahead, celebrate away.



April 20th
Did you know that in Vancouver last year approximately ten thousand people gathered at the Vancouver Art Gallery to indulge in this holiday? Police didn't make any arrests. I can't guarantee the same for you.

April 22nd – Earth Day
What better way to celebrate Earth day than having fun? Just make sure you are using planet-friendly dishes.



April 26th – Last day of exams.
Yesss!!!!

April 30th – Arbor day.
Go plant a tree or something.



May 1st – May Day
Mayday Mayday!

May 5th – Cinco de Mayo.
It's not just for the Spanish.



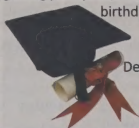
May 7th – Space Day
I'm not sure how you could celebrate it, but I think you should all the same.

May 9th – Mother's Day
Maybe some of us want to celebrate the lack of celebration of this day?



May 15th – National Chocolate Chip Day
Go ahead, indulge.

May 24th – Victoria Day
Come out and celebrate 191st Queen Victoria's birthday. She's getting pretty old, we're not sure how many more birthday's she'll have to celebrate.



May 30th – Graduation
Degree not necessary to party.

A Public Service Announcement From Your Friendly Neighbourhood Paper:

I'm the Dag.

I'm your trusty guide to events on campus. Just check page three! I'm what you read while sitting in the coffeehouse waiting for your next class. I'm where you can find letters to the editors (page 2), or fun stuff (page 8). I'm your all around dependable resource for strictly Augustana-related stuff.

But I'm not all I'm cracked up to be. Not at all in fact. I lead a rough life. Seriously I do! And my lifespan isn't even very long! Less than a month in most cases.

I start off at Starpress as just two pieces of paper. Just a baby. They make me into a masterpiece; into something worth having around.

They send me to these two lovely ladies that hold me, love me, and spread this love around for all of campus to see. They are proud of me, so everyday I do my best to make them proud.

I am then passed around. I usually start off in the coffeehouse, and migrate from table to table until a kind student adopts me.

My life can go many ways from there. If my adopter is nice, I'll end up in a backpack, a dorm room, or on really rare cases, even in a picture frame showcased for the world to see.

But other times I'm abused! Sometimes I am rolled up and forced to hit others! I end up stomped on, ripped, and in the worst case scenario, I'm thrown in the garbage can! Don't you know I'm recyclable?



Sincerely,



The Hilarity Continues...

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While this may seem to some like the problems are not properly being addressed, we must admit that some problems are unsolvable for the time being and the only way to deal with them is to laugh about them.

Nonetheless, I am certain that the seriousness could have fooled most people as the night was constant laughs and cheers for our professors, who beyond addressing problems exhibit a disturbingly large knowledge of student life and even a bit about the outside world. Who could have suspected that?

Overall, it was a night to remember (which I know we will because Alison got it all on video), which continued to uphold the high standards of educational comedy set by previous years of Faculty Follies. As perhaps one of the best Augustinian traditions, I feel our only complaint is that we will have to wait another two years to see another.

As we ponder how we will survive the next two years without another Faculty Follies, we will leave you with some of the most memorable quotes of the evening:

"Your gonna love the nuts"

"And what's with Martin Luther? He looks like a white guy, wtf?"

"He pushed up the daisies and smelt them too"

"I have a 6 ft. mirror in my dormroom, I can check myself out anytime...and I do!"

"I anticipate further pool noodling"



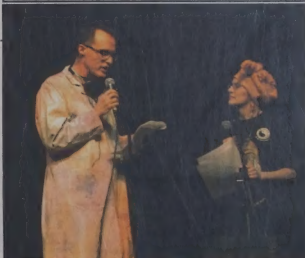
"Professors won't do anything without treats"



Sparky teaches us an important lesson about bilingualism, school buses and sheep!



Probably best it was a prop malfunction. I don't think anyone would believe that yet another wardrobe malfunction was an accident!



Thanks to Dr. Marentette and Dr. Schlosser, I decided not to write any of my remaining papers this semester, but don't worry, it's just my inner child acting out!

Our favorite new t-shirt suggestions:

Milbrant is my comrade
Bend it like Becker
What's up, Doc?
Get by with Moore
Ries' Pieces
And last but not least
Sparky lights my fire

Before the dresses, the drag and the drama, the professors gather for the opening act!

Our favorite why an education is better than sex:

Extensions, no problem!

You can get screwed by a whole institution at once!

Our favorite why sex is better than an education:

Hard is good!

If you don't like group work, you can do it alone

And of course it has a much more enjoyable

"mandatory oral component."



Horrorscopes

Divined from the stars by Mistress H

♈ - Aries

March 21 - April 20

As the month progresses, you will lose your 'muchness'. But never fear, once finals are over you will become much 'muchier' again.

♉ - Taurus

April 21 - May 20

This month you will forget key bits of information, such as what 2 + 3 is and your middle name. Don't worry, this is a normal result of exams.

♊ - Gemini

May 21 - June 21

After staying up all night to finish a 27 page paper, you will crash and dream about the question to life, the universe, and everything. Unfortunately, you will not remember what the question was when you wake up.

♋ - Cancer

June 22 - July 22

The gym will feel very drafty this year during finals. Check to make sure you are actually wearing your pants.

♌ - Leo

July 23 - August 22

Get ready for a month full of recurring dreams where you are constantly told by your professors that you have until midnight to completely rewrite a paper or you will fail. However, this will be an improvement over your weird dreams about lions.

♍ - Virgo

August 23 - September 22

The path before you will be an uneven and painful one this month. That is, until you clean your room and finally put away all your textbooks.

♎ - Libra

September 23 - October 22

There is a lot of uncertainty in your future, with things going from sunny and warm to cold and snowing within minutes. Don't bother checking the weather forecast, because they are as uncertain as you are.

♏ - Scorpio

October 23 - November 22

You will be involved in a long-distance, love-hate relationship this month; you'll love to hate final exams and will want to keep them as far away from you as possible.

♐ - Sagittarius

November 23 - December 22

A picture says a thousand words. However, keep in mind that handing in a drawing of an elephant is not the same as writing a thousand word paper.

♑ - Capricorn

December 23 - January 19

You will have to reach higher than ever before this month. As it turns out, the book you need for your paper will be on the top shelf. Congratulations on striving to reach the top.

♒ - Aquarius

January 20 - February 19

As stress builds up this month, you may feel as if you are in an alternate dimension where nothing makes sense. This is because you are writing someone else's Greek exam instead of your own.

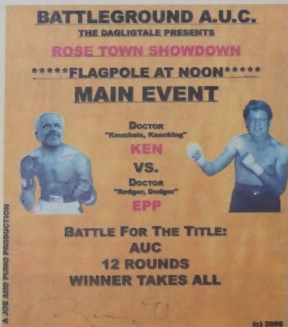
♓ - Pisces

February 20 - March 20

You may feel as if you are being followed this month. Don't panic, it's just your professor looking for that paper you promised to hand in last week.

Gossip Corner

The Dean's Secret Past!



The Dean, seen far left, seems to have a bit of explaining to do to the students. Apparently before Roger was our homeboy, he was a middleweight boxing champion known as Doctor "Roger, Dodger" Epp.



The Search Comes to a Close

Co-Editor Alison McDonald reported in the library. This being such a rare occurrence it seemed monumental enough to take a picture of.

The Dag Mascot goes on strike!



The search for our campus gnome came to a close this week when the search led us to the Camrose Police Department where he had been arrested and detained for public drunkenness and attempting to gain access to people's gardens. When questioned, he had this to say, "It's all for me grog, for me jolly jolly grog!" Despite singing it a little off key, upon his release he plans to try out for the Augustana Men's Choir.

March 2001, Mission: Disentertainment

Entertainment

A Delicate Art

Lately I believe that a fine and ancient art has been horribly misused and that the skills required to accomplish this feat have been dying out. I have heard of terrible examples that pain my soul to think that this is something that the average person can barely do successfully and yet it is one of the most important tools a student can have. In this brief article I will outline some of the finer points of this dying art - Lying!

If you have incomplete homework due:

1. that would require the internet, using a crashed internet system would seem like a fine and completely legit excuse - do NOT email your prof to tell them this!
2. and are at a loss for an excuse, I find that "more homework than I realized because I forgot about a very important assignment" or "extremely stressed and overworked" will occasionally do the trick. Professors understand what you are going through, they were students once too, and the chances of them being able to discern "stressed and overworked" from just lazy seems unlikely.
3. thank the H1N1 epidemic! While I would generally say that there is nothing good about an outbreak like that, I would be lying if I said I'm saddened they lifted the need for a doctor's note during this time. So whether it's a hangover or a desire to play video games instead of write that paper, illness is always a good option. What can I say, I'm a "see the silver lining kind of person."
4. and you would like to think outside the box, I suggest using your own life for inspiration. Take an event in your life, blow it out of proportion and then appear very distressed. Did your roommate come home drunk and horny and keep you awake all night or make it hard to do homework? Tell your prof that you believe that your roommate's dangerous lifestyle is spinning wildly out of control and that you won't be able to finish your paper in time as you are dedicating so much time to assisting your roommate in getting help.
5. and are planning to lie your way out of it there are a few things you need to bear in mind. All lies should be well thought out prior to execution; once you have been labeled a liar there is no way back from there. Your grandmother can't die three times, so don't even try that one! After you have thought up a reasonable and believable lie, a careful execution is imperative. Are there any others who might expose your lie? Inform those involved. And remember not to out yourself, if you drove home to visit your dying aunt this morning, you probably shouldn't be seen walking around campus.

Unfortunately, there are times in a student's life when lying may be your only option; this is a tool that should be used sparingly and always carefully! But if you're going to do it, at least do it right!!

Dagligtale Editors' Last words:

No, we are not dying or anything. This is our last issue as editors, so we thought we would end it with some closing words.

We've had a fun-filled (and quite exhausting) year as editors. We were mildly disappointed by the lack of support we had in regards to submissions, but it is to be expected considering how busy we all are as students. We would also like to thank all the people that did submit, although few, for your insightful, intelligent and witty articles.

We hope you consider submitting things for the Daggers next year. Or perhaps becoming one yourself. It is a fun and rewarding job, and looks GREAT on resumes. Just something to consider.

We hope we made you laugh, made you cry (even if it was just at our awful jokes) and maybe even taught you something. If so, then it's been a job well done for us.

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